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Shinichi ITO et al.)
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned) Group Art Unit:
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IN ELECTRONIC DEVICES)

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending application:

U.S. Serial No. 09/817,196 filed March 27, 2001.

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The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents:

1. Japanese Patent Application TOKKAI HEI Publication No. 8-220559 discloses how to cut wiring by irradiating laser under the condition that the wiring is staked in the liquid locally.
2. Japanese Patent Application TOKKAI HEI Publication No. 4-228284 discloses laser processing of a substrate in a liquid that it is accomplished by laser induced sonic cavitation at the substrate surface.
3. Japanese Patent Application TOKKAI HEI Publication No. 11-145108 discloses a method of laser processing under the condition that a sample is in the liquid such as hydrogen peroxide water.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
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